

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for operating a host computer to automatically notify passengers or agents of changes in status for airline flights, the computer program comprising:
 - a code segment for receiving passenger reservation information from an airline passenger or an agent of the passenger, the passenger reservation information including a request for automatic flight status change notification information for an airline flight the passenger is reserving;
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving a scheduled time of departure or arrival for the airline flight;
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving an updated time of departure or arrival for the airline flight;
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for comparing the updated time of departure or arrival to the scheduled time of departure or arrival for the flight; and
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for automatically pushing flight status change notification information to the passenger on the airline flight or to the agent of the passenger if the updated time of departure or arrival

varies from the scheduled time of departure or arrival by a predetermined amount of time.

2. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, the notification information including information relating to the updated time of departure or arrival for the airline flight.
3. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, the predetermined amount of time being between 10 - 60 minutes.
4. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, the predetermined amount of time being approximately 30 minutes.
5. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, wherein the passenger reservation information includes passenger contact information for receiving automatic flight status change notification information about the airline flight the passenger is reserving.
6. (previously presented) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for operating a host computer to automatically notify passengers or agents of changes in status for airline flights, the computer program comprising:
 - a code segment for receiving passenger reservation information from airline passengers or agents of the passengers, the passenger reservation

information including a request for automatic flight status change notification information for an airline flight a passenger is reserving; a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving and storing in a database scheduled times of departure or arrival for substantially all U.S. airline flights departing or arriving within a certain time; a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving and storing in the database any updated times of departure or arrival for the flights; a code segment executed by the host computer for comparing, for each of the flights, the scheduled time of departure or arrival to the updated time of departure or arrival; a code segment executed by the host computer for flagging records in the database corresponding only to flights in which the updated times of departure or arrival vary from the scheduled times of departure or arrival by a predetermined amount of time; and a code segment executed by the host computer for periodically querying the database to locate all flagged records and pushing flight status change notification information to each passenger or agent who has requested notification information on each flight corresponding to a record that has been flagged.

7. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, the notification information including information relating to the updated time of departure or arrival for the airline flight.
8. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, the predetermined amount of time being between 10 - 60 minutes.
9. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, the predetermined amount of time being approximately 30 minutes.
10. (previously presented) A computer program stored on a computer-readable medium for operating a host computer to automatically notify passengers or agents of changes in status for airline flights, the computer program comprising:
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving passenger reservation information from an airline passenger or an agent of the passenger, the passenger reservation information including request for automatic flight status change notification information for an airline flight the passenger is reserving;
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving contact information from the passenger at the time of making a flight reservation;
 - a code segment executed by the host computer for queuing the passenger reservation information to a date-ranged queue using the scheduled time of departure or arrival of the flight;

a code segment executed by the host computer for receiving an updated time of departure or arrival for the flight;

a code segment for accessing the date ranged queue and comparing the scheduled time of departure or arrival to the updated time of departure or arrival; and

a code segment executed by the host computer for automatically pushing flight status change notification information to the passenger or to the agent of the passenger via the contact information if the updated time of departure or arrival varies from the scheduled time of departure or arrival by a predetermined amount of time.

11. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, the notification information including information relating to the updated time of departure or arrival for the airline flight.

12. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, the predetermined amount of time being between 10 - 60 minutes.

13. (original) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, the predetermined amount of time being approximately 30 minutes.

14. (currently amended) A method of automatically notifying airline passengers of airline flight status changes, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving passenger reservation information from the airline passengers at a host computer via a communications network, the passenger reservation information including a request for automatic flight status change notification information for an airline flight the passenger is reserving;

receiving scheduled departure or arrival times of a plurality of airline flights at the host computer and storing the scheduled departure or arrival times in a computer-readable memory;

receiving updated departure or arrival times for the airline flights at the host computer and storing the updated departure or arrival times in a computer-readable memory;

populating and storing a flight status table with the scheduled and updated departure and arrival times for the airline flights at the host computer or by a computer coupled to the host computer;

comparing the scheduled departure or arrival times to the updated departure or arrival times in the flight status table by the host computer; and

automatically pushing flight status change notification information electronically from the host computer to a preferred notification device of a to each passenger on an airline flight who has requested notification information if the updated departure or arrival time for the airline flight varies from the scheduled departure or arrival time for the airline flight by a predetermined amount of time.

15. (original) The method as set forth in claim 14, the notification information including information relating to the updated departure or arrival time for the airline flight.
16. (original) The method as set forth in claim 14, the predetermined amount of time being between 10-60 minutes.
17. (original) The method as set forth in claim 14, the predetermined amount of time being approximately 30 minutes.
18. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, the host computer comprising a plurality of computing devices.
19. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, the host computer comprising a computer network.
20. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, the host computer comprising a plurality of computing devices.
21. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, the host computer comprising a computer network.

22. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, the host computer comprising a plurality of computing devices.
23. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, the host computer comprising a computer network.
24. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 1, wherein the notification information is pushed through electronic mail.
25. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 6, wherein the notification information is pushed through electronic mail.
26. (previously presented) The computer program as set forth in claim 10, wherein the notification information is pushed through electronic mail.
27. (currently amended) The ~~computer program~~ method as set forth in claim 14, wherein the notification information is pushed through electronic mail.